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Applicants: M. KOJIMA, et al.  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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January 29, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Specification;  
Amendments to the Claims; and  
Remarks are included following the amendments.

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